

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY (U 133-W), for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$19,826,100 or 29.72% in the year 2003; by \$6,327,800 or 7.31% in the year 2004; and by \$6,326,200 or 6.81% in the year 2005 in its Region III Service Area and increased rates for the General Office Allocation in all of its Customer Service Areas in this Application including: Arden-Cordova, Bay Point, Clearlake, Los Osos, Ojai, Santa Maria, Simi Valley and Metropolitan.

Application 02-11-007  
(Filed November 4, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
ON REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND THE REQUEST TO INTERVENE  
BY THE WRIGHTWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

On March 27, 2003, I received a letter from the Wrightwood Property Owners' Association, Inc. (Association) requesting that it be allowed to participate in this proceeding. The Association, which is composed of 696 property owners and renters, has been active in monitoring Southern California Water Company (SCWC) rates since 1989 and has provided testimony in past Commission proceedings. In its application, SCWC proposes to continue the use of rates developed on a regional basis. Under that proposal, the Wrightwood Customer Service Area would not be subjected to a rate increase during this rate case cycle. However, Decision 00-06-075, which implemented regional rates on June 22, 2000, directed the Water Division to monitor the impact of single tariff

pricing and report to the Commission in the next general rate case for SCWC's Region III with any recommendations for change in this pricing mechanism. If revenue requirements and rates were calculated on a stand-alone district basis, Wrightwood customers would likely incur a significant rate increase.

At the January 31, 2003 Prehearing Conference, the continuation of regional rates was identified by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) as a potential issue in this proceeding. The issue was specifically identified in the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) issued on February 28, 2003. The Association's concern that regional rates might be discontinued is justified. Its request to participate, as an interested party to this proceeding, will be granted with the understanding that its participation will not alter this proceeding's already established scope and schedule.

The Scoping Memo identified a mailing date of April 8, 2003 for ORA and other interested parties to issue testimony. It also specifically allows SCWC to issue rebuttal testimony on May 1, 2003. To clarify, rebuttal testimony may be issued by any party for the purpose of rebutting any other party's testimony that is issued on April 8, 2003.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The request of the Wrightwood Property Owners' Association, Inc. (Association) to participate as an interested party is granted. The following name is to be added to the service list for this proceeding:

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2. If requested by the Association, parties should provide a copy of all documents previously served in this proceeding.

3. On May 1, 2003, parties may issue testimony to rebut any other party's testimony that is issued on April 8, 2003.

Dated March 28, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID K. FUKUTOME

David K. Fukutome  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Rebuttal Testimony and the Request to Intervene by the Wrightwood Property Owners' Association, Inc. on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 28, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

**N O T I C E**

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.